

Remarks

The Office Action constitutes a requirement to elect among species of the invention identified by the Examiner with reference to the several figures of the drawings. Applicants have noted that the listing of figures does not include Figures 9 and 10 and, indeed, the species that Applicants should like to elect is shown by those two Figures.

This situation was discussed with the Examiner in a telephone interview on April 16, 2007. The Examiner acknowledged that he had evidently overlooked Figures 9 and 10, and that there would be no reason why Applicants should not elect that species. Accordingly, Applicants do hereby provisionally elect the species of Figures 9 and 10.

It will be noted that those figures share a common unique feature, in that the opening formed by the joined inner and outer walls is closed by a cap that serves to hold a heating element within the liquid space within the reservoir. The Examiner agreed that Figures 9 and 10 can be considered a single species embodying the invention.

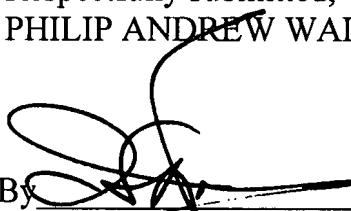
In furtherance of this election, Applicants hereby submit new Claims 20-25, which are directed specifically to the embodiment of Figure 9 and 10. The following claims of the original set read upon that embodiment: 1, 2, 5, 16, 17 and 19.

The application, as amended, presents 20 claims, two of which are in independent form. No excess claims fee should therefore be required. If that is not the case, however, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 502982.

Favorable action on the application is believed to be in order, and is earnestly solicited.

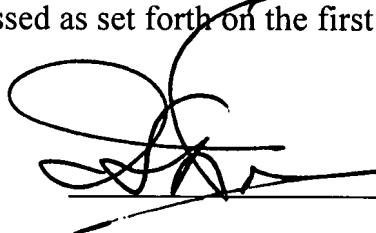
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